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INFORMATION DEVELOPED SINCE THE COMPLETION OF
THE REPORT ON FIRST WORLD TRADE UNION CONFERENCE
OF YOUNG WORKERS

The many meetings which were held apart from the Conference itself constitute an important by-product whose propaganda and organizational value to the WFTU should not be overlooked. These meetings were held by the delegates representing similar trades or representing countries having similar problems. One such delegate, Germain Dieng, representing the Dakar Oil Industry Workers Union, reported that he had attended numerous meetings including one held by delegates from chemical and petroleum products industries.

Louis Saillant in his closing speech at the Conference listed a number of common declarations emanating from these unofficial meetings. They were

1. Common declaration of all African trade union organizations represented at the Conference which set down all the possibilities for joint action by West African and Equatorial African trade union organizations. Saillant indicated that representatives of these African trade unions had worked out at the Conference methods of action to be used to accomplish their objectives.
2. Common declaration by the delegates of the Federal German Republic and the German Democratic Republic stating that the young workers of both countries had the common aim of preservation of peace and struggle against the atomic armament of Western Germany.
3. Common declaration made by the delegations from Great Britain and Cyprus.
4. Common declaration made by the delegations of Great Britain and France protesting the landing of British troops in Jordan and the presence of French military units in the neighborhood of Lebanon.
5. Common declaration made by the delegates from the German Democratic Republic, the French CGT and the Federal German Republic.
6. Common declaration by the Japanese and Korean delegates which denounced the US for trying to form a Northeast Asian Treaty

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Organization and for conspiring to establish guided missile bases in South Korea and Japan. The delegations said that they would strive to bring about the immediate withdrawal of the US army from South Korea, the peaceful unification of Korea, the removal of US military bases from Japan and the return of Okinawa to Japan. They would also strive for the unconditional release of the Korean citizens detained in Japanese camps and for their right to live where they desire, as well as for the establishment of normal relations between Korea and Japan.

7. Common declaration by the delegations from the German Democratic Republic, the Federal German Republic, Czechoslovakia and Poland confirming the cooperation of the trade union organizations of these four countries to achieve the atom-free zone in Europe.

Recommendations of the First World Trade Union Conference of Working Youth included the following items not listed in the previous report.

1. The Conference invited the trade union leaders to follow the example set by those trade unions which had created special commissions or other bodies to assist in their work among working youth.
2. The Conference considered it desirable for young workers to be promoted to leading positions at all levels of trade union organization to a greater degree than at the present.
3. The Conference recommended to the WFTU that it study the possibility of holding a trade union course on the youth question during 1959. A course of this type would allow the young trade union officials to join the Secretariat of the WFTU in examining specific problems which occupy the attention of young workers and trade unions.
4. The Conference recommended that the next session of the General Council of the WFTU should not only invite the attendance of union officials responsible for youth questions but in addition should examine the results of this First Conference and the ways in which its activities might be continued.
5. The Conference also recommended that the special columns dealing with youth problems should be continued in the international trade union publications.

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